

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 12, 2005

S. 1338 Alaska Water Resources Act of 2005

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on September 28, 2005

S. 1338 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in five areas of Alaska. The study, to be completed within two years of the bill's enactment, would include a survey of accessible water supplies and water treatment needs. Based on the cost of similar studies, CBO estimates that carrying out the proposed study would cost the department about \$8 million over the next two years, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting S. 1338 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1338 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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